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1. Victor Paz Estenssoro, Bolivian political exile and leader of the Movimiento Nacional Revolucionaria (MNR), was reportedly planning to depart Montevideo for Buenos Aires by night boat on 17 July 1950. He said the purpose of his trip was to visit his daughter, who is ill in Buenos Aires.
2. It was earlier reported from Montevideo that between 16 and 28 June 1950 Paz Estenssoro received two letters from his wife, who is presently residing in Buenos Aires, saying that during the recent visit to that city of Major General Ricardo Rios Rosel, Chief of Staff of the Bolivian army, he had visited her twice and had contacted various other military exiles there. Rios allegedly said that the Bolivian army was considering forming a military junta to take over the Bolivian government sometime in August. The general elections would then be held under the auspices of the army, and all political exiles with the exception of Paz Estenssoro would be allowed to return to participate.
3. Upon the receipt of this information, Paz Estenssoro advised his wife that she should contact his supporters in Argentina as soon as possible and urge them to obtain permission for him to reside in Argentina so that he might more closely direct MNR activities if the military does assume control in Bolivia.

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